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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 including
        Demand for Withdrawal of Finality
        U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/822,003
        Docket No.: F02-167191/UK

Dear Examiner Smith:

        Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed on
August 1, 2008, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

        Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

                                        Very truly yours,

                                        Phillip E. Miller

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In re Application of

Masahiko Sugimoto

Serial No.:	10/822,003	Group Art Unit:	2624
Filed:	April 12, 2004	Examiner:	Jeffrey S. Smith

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 INCLUDING DEMAND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: